

**REMARKS**

In the specifications, a number of paragraphs, lines, objective functions, and constraints have been amended to correct minor editorial problems. A new paragraph added to page 15 to clarify the flat text notation used when a variable or set with subscripts is itself expressed as a subscript.

I certify that the modifications to specifications are not introducing a new matter.

In amended FIG. 3., four steps have been amended to correct minor wording problems.

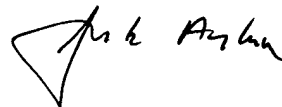
In the abstract, a number of lines have been amended to correct minor editorial problems.

Per the Office Action of March 18, 2008, Claims 1-7 and 20 remain in this application. Claims 9-19 have been withdrawn as the result of the restriction requirement.

In view of the examiner's earlier restriction requirement, applicant retains the right to present claims 9-19 in a divisional application.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Turgut Aykin', written over a large, stylized checkmark or 'X' shape.

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